Amendments to the Claims:

1-44 (Cancelled).

45 (Currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium containing computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer automatically adjust the electronic ink height of an electronic highlighter device, comprising:

selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device;

engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed handwritten text selection;

in response to engaging the electronic pen with the computer-displayed handwritten text selection, automatically determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection from the engagement, wherein determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection from the engagement includes determining an average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without considering the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection; ~~and~~

after the automatic determination of the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection, setting the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height, wherein the set electronic ink height of the electronic pen is configured to highlight the average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without highlighting any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection[[.]]; and

after the setting of the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height, receiving a highlight input via the electronic pen, wherein the highlight input causes the distribution of the electronic ink at the determined height onto the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

46 (Cancelled).

47 (Previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 45, whereby selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device includes selecting an electronic mousing device for functioning as an electronic highlighter device; and

whereby engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes focusing a cursor of the electronic mousing device over the computer-displayed handwritten text selection and clicking the electronic mousing device for distributing electronic ink onto the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

48 (Currently amended): A computer-implemented method for automatically adjusting the electronic ink height of an electronic highlighter device, comprising:

selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device;

engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed handwritten text selection;

in response to engaging the electronic pen with the computer-displayed handwritten text selection, automatically determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection from the engagement, wherein determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection from the engagement includes determining an average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without considering the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection; ~~and~~

after the automatic determination of the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection, setting the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height, wherein the set electronic ink height of the electronic pen is configured to highlight the average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without highlighting any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection[[.]]; and

after the setting of the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height, receiving a highlight input via the electronic pen, wherein the highlight input causes the distribution of the electronic ink at the determined height onto the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

49 (Cancelled).

50 (Previously presented): The computer-implemented method of Claim 48, whereby selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device includes selecting an electronic mousing device for functioning as an electronic highlighter device; and

whereby engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes focusing a cursor of the electronic mousing device over the computer-displayed handwritten text selection and clicking the electronic mousing device for distributing electronic ink onto the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

51 (Currently amended): A system for automatically adjusting the electronic ink height of an electronic highlighter device, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory having computer-executable instructions stored thereon, wherein the computer-executable instruction are configured for:

selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device;

engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed handwritten text selection;

in response to engaging the electronic pen with the computer-displayed handwritten text selection, automatically determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection <u>from the engagement</u>, wherein determining the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection <u>from the engagement</u> includes determining an average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without considering the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection; ~~and~~

after the automatic determination of the height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection, setting a height of a cursor for inputting electronic highlighter ink to the determined height, wherein the height of the cursor is configured to highlight the average height of the computer-displayed handwritten text selection without highlighting any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the computer-displayed handwritten text selection[[.]];

after the setting of the height of the cursor to the determined height, receiving a highlight input via the electronic pen, wherein the highlight input causes the distribution of the electronic ink at the determined height onto the computer-displayed handwritten text selection;

after disengaging the highlight input, engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed object other than the computer-displayed handwritten text selection;

in response to engaging the electronic pen with the computer-displayed object, automatically discarding the determined height and determining the height of the computer-displayed object from the engagement;

after the automatic determination of the height of the computer-displayed object, setting the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height; and

after the setting of the electronic ink height of the electronic pen to the determined height, receiving a highlight input via the electronic pen, wherein the highlight input causes the distribution of the electronic ink at the determined height onto the computer-displayed object.

52 (Cancelled).

53 (Previously presented): The system of Claim 51, whereby selecting an electronic pen for functioning as an electronic highlighter device includes selecting an electronic mousing device for functioning as an electronic highlighter device; and

whereby engaging the electronic pen with a computer-displayed handwritten text selection includes focusing a cursor of the electronic mousing device over the computer-

displayed handwritten text selection and clicking the electronic mousing device for distributing electronic highlighter ink onto the computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

54 (New): The system of claim 51, wherein the computer-displayed object is an image and the determined height is a height of the image.

55 (New): The system of claim 51, wherein the computer-displayed object is font text and the determined height is a font size.

56 (New): The system of claim 51, wherein the computer-displayed object is a second computer-displayed handwritten text selection and the determined height is a height of the second computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

57 (New): The system of claim 51, wherein the computer-displayed object is a second computer-displayed handwritten text selection and the determined height is determined from an average height of the second computer-displayed handwritten text selection without considering the length of any ascending or any descending character segments of any characters comprising the second computer-displayed handwritten text selection.

58 (New): The system of claim 51, wherein the computer-displayed object is a second computer-displayed handwritten text selection and the determined height is determined from ruled lines of a display.